## Salina Tree Advisory Board Regular Meeting May 30, 2006 Lakewood Discovery Center

Members Present: Lloyd Davidson, John Wachholz, Kathleen Pierson and Amy Warhurst.

The minutes were approved as written.

The forestry report included a update on the cost share program and legacy tree fund. Steve said that the donations have not slowed any at all due to the increase in donation request. Steve also reviewed the Arbor Day events as they were rained out several times this year.

The downtown project is completed for this year. Steve said that a underground fiber optic line was hit and turned out to be costly to repair. Next years bids will likely be higher due to the risk of underground utilities.

The 07 budget request was turned in for review last week. Steve said that his budget request is about 7% above the current budget due to several factors. Higher fuel costs, the cost of bronze plaques, increase in contractual services, and converting a summer position into a long term seasonal position. Steve is also requesting funding for phase II of the downtown tree project for next year.